

dis of fey & of good doctryne. wh
ch pou hast gete / but eltheise p
vncouenable fablis & elde wim
mes fablis: haite poul to pi
tee / for bodily exercitaciou. is
pfitable to lyl pig: but ptee
is pfitable to alle pigs: p hay
a biheete of lyf & now is & p
is to come. **T**rewe word.
& worp al acceptaciou & in pis
pig we travele. & ben cur lid.
for we hopen i hygge god p is
sanyoun of alle men. moost of
sepyful me / comande p vis pig
& tech / no ma dispile p zongre.
but be pou ensauple of sepyful
me i word. i hygg. i charite. in
sepy i chastite. til i come take
tent to redige. to exortaciou
& techig. nyle p luel charge pe
grace which is in pee. p is so
uu to pee bi pfectie wip puttig
on of hondis of presthod penke
pon pes pigs. i pele be pon: pat
pi pfitig be thewid to alle me
take tent to doctryn: be blyp i
he / for pou doyng pes pigs.
shalt make bope p silt. & he
p heere pee / blame pou not an
eldere man: but bylech as a fad
zonge me as bryen. elde wip
men. as modis / zonge wip me.
as hys i al chastite. **C. v. //**
Honour pou widows: p
ben vzi widows: but if
ony widowe hay childe
of lones: lerne she first to go
ine hir hous. & quite to fadir
& modir: for vis pig is acceptid
bifore god: & she p is a widowe &
zily & desolat: hope in god. & be
blyp in bylechigis & preieris
nyzt & day: for she pat is lyny

ge i delices: is deed & comande
pon vis pig: p rei ben wiponte
reprez / for it ony ma hay not
cure of his owne. & moost of
his houshold me: he hay denyd
pe fey. & is worse pa an vnsepy
ful ma: & widowe be choli not
lesse pan fyrty zeer. p was wip
of oon holebonte. & hay wipnel
sig: in good werke: if she nozif
childe childe. if she rellepyne
poze me to herboze. if she hay
wailthi pe feet of holi me: if
she mynystride to me p suffre
den tribilaciou. if she solewile
al good werk: but eltheise pou
zonge widows: for whame pei
han don lecherie: velen be
weddid in ca: hange dapna
ciou: for rei han mand voyde pe
firste fey: also rei ydel lerne
to go aboute housis. not oonly
ydel but ful of wordis & curion
le: spekege pigs p bihouey not
pfore i wole p zonger widows:
be weddid. & bynge forp childe.
& ben holewines: to zyne noo
ocasiou to pe adulsare: bi can
se of curfid pig: for now linge
ben turned abat after lathans:
is ony sepyful ma hay widows:
myntre he to he / p re churche
be not greuyd. p it suffice to
hem p ben verrey widows: pe
prestis p ben wel goynouris:
ben pey had worp to double
honour: moost rei p travele
in word & techig: for lpture sepy
p shak not bryde pe mony of
pe oze vzeuchige. & alwert
ma is worp hys hyze: nyle
pou rellepyne acutis: agen a
preest: but vnder trepyne:

or pte witnelis: but repreue
pon me pat hyne bifore alle
me: p also ower hangede: i pte
bifore god & ihu crist & his choli
angels: p pon kepe pes pigs
wiponte pndice: & do no pig
i bolyngge into pe opyr lye: put
te pou hondis to no ma. neyr
anoon conyue p wip ope me
mys lynes: kepe p silt chast
nyle pou zit drynke watir: but
vle altyl wip for p stomak.
& for ym ofte fallig: i fymite
es: su mens lynes ben opyn
bifore goyng to doom: but of
su men pei come after: & also
goode dedis ben opyn: & po pat
han he in opyr maner mollen
not be lid. **C. vi. //**
Wat eu seruantis be v
dw zok: deme rei her loz
dis worp al honour. lest pe na
me of pe lord & pe doctryn be
blasfemyd: & rei p han sepyful
lordis: dispile hem not for rei
ben bryen: but more serue
pei: for rei ben sepyful & loned.
whiche ben parteneris of be
nefice: tech pou pes yngis.
& mouette pou pes pigs: if ony
ma techy opyr wyle. & accordy
not to pe holli wordis of oure
lord ihu crist. & to pat techig p is
by ptee: he is prond & can no
pig: but langwiltly aboute
questiounis & stryngs of wordis:
of pe whiche ben bryzt forp
enyes. strynges. blasfemyes. y
nyle suspicioun. fytigis of me
p ben corrupt in soule: & p be
pryued fro treupe: p temen
wipng to be ptee: but a greet
wipng is ptee: wip sufficie

ce: for we bryzten in no pig ito
pis world. & no doute: p we moubu
not here alye ony pig: but we
hange fadis & wip what pigs
we shulen be hild: be we pained
wip pes pigs: for rei p wolen
be maid ryche: fallen into tep
taciou. & into snare of pe deuel:
& into manye vnpfitable de liris
& noyous: whiche drenchen men
into depy & per ditiou: for pe roo
te of alle ynels: is conentile: w
hich su me conentige: erride fro
pe fey. & biletiden he wip many
lozys: but pou ma of god flee
pes pigs: but siabe p ryzit wip
nelle pte sepy charite paciete
myldenell: Strye p a good stryff
of sepy cache enlastige lyf. into
which p art clepid: & hast know
lethid a good knowlethig: bifore
many wituelis: i comande to
pee bifore god. p quikeney alle
pigs. & bifore crist ihu: p zeldide
wituelis: vnder pilat of pou
ce: a good confessioun: p pon ke
pe pe comandemet wiponte
wem wiponte reprez. into pe
comyg of our lord ihu crist: who
pe blethid & aloone myzty king
of kyngis. & lord of lordis shal
shewe in his tymes: whiche al
oone hay vndeedy nelle: & dyl
ly in lye to whiche no ma may
come: who no ma sayz: ney may
se: to who glorie & honour & em
pire be wiponte ende amen.
Comande pou to pe riche me of
pis world p rei vnder stonde
not hily. ney p rei hope in vn
cetynte of richellis: but in pe
hygge god p zyne to us alle
pigs plenteounly to dole to do